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My Dear Mr Garrison:

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I want to convey to you a suggestion which was made to me a few days ago by a lawyer of this city, Miss M. Fredrika Perry, viz: that there ought to be meeting or reunion of all the Old Garrisonian abolitionists now living, to take place some time this summer or autumn.

Yourself, Lucretia Mott Wendell Phillips, John G. Whittier, Lydia Maria Child Parker Pillsbury Abby and Stephen Foster Samuel May Frederick Douglas Elizabeth Cady Stanton Susan B Anthony Lucy Stone Maria W Chapman, Edward M Davis, Amy Post, Sally Holley, Lydia L. Dennett and many others, are still living and might assemble perhaps in a last-

and final reunion on earth. Such a meeting could not fail to be most intensely interesting personally to those present, and to the public. The addresses which would be made, would contain most important and useful historical matter which without such a meeting, would in large part be wholly lost to the world.

At such a meeting also might be considered the present flight from the Egypt of their bondage, of the colored people of the late slave states, which must be regarded as the inauguration of the most important event, except the proclamation of emancipation and its attendant causes and consequences, in the history of the Republic. To the Southern States it must prove, if it becomes general, a greater and more terrible retribution than the war, and ultimately in the reconstruction of society there, which

must follow, a very great salvation as well. It seems to me that it will prove a final and complete solution of the republican problem in the South, vouchsafed by Providence, when no man seemed wise enough to make even a practical suggestion of any importance in that direction.

2d You think the suggestion of a re-union of the old Garrison Abolitionists now living, a good one You will know best what steps to take to bring it about.

It would seem most fitting that the first public word should come from our old Commander and Leader the Garrison himself.

With many earnest assurances of my very great respect and esteem

I am Faithfully Yours

A. J. Grover

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